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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday August 14, 2011– Sunday August 21, 2011



Assumption for a Mom!

We have tendency as human being to **underestimate or value less the gifts of God**. For example, do we take enough time to contemplate His creatures and His creation? We live in an **amazing world** but we seem to be never satisfied or gratified.

On the occasion of the feast of the Assumption, I invite you today, to meditate on the **wonderful plan of God** in creating on one side ‘women’ and from among these ‘women’, the ‘Holy Virgin Mary’ as His Ultimate Creation.

This ‘woman’ created is most of the time called ‘daughter’, ‘sister’, ‘aunt’, ‘wife’ or ‘grandma’... but the same woman who has the status of ‘wife’ is most of the time called ‘mom’. As human being **we judge with our human eyes** differently the ‘wife’ and the ‘mom’. If we allowed ourselves to joke about the first nomination ‘wife’ by describing her relationship to her husband, we don’t have the same feelings and words when we talk about the same woman as a ‘mom’.

The Holy Virgin Mary is a true **illustration of the Love of God toward our humanity**. He didn’t just create a ‘Mom’ to allow Him to become flesh and to be one of us, but in His plan he created Her to **remain our divine mother** –with the full meanings of this word- forever. That’s why, Mary could not stay in the tomb; Her body could not be demolished as our bodies. To be impartial, there wasn’t any other option for Her than the Assumption: **the beloved, pure and humble Mother joined in a perfect way Her Creator and Son forever**. Let us be grateful to God in all his creatures.
By Abouna Hanna TAYAR

Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

Parish Leaders

Tom Macksood- Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse –
Morningstar Society

Parish Staff

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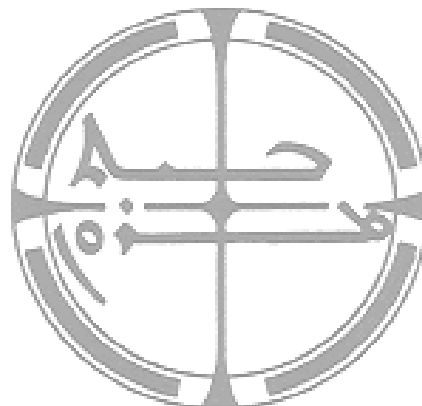
Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Eliane Zerka
Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Bob Griffiths
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Ralph Burgess
Patti Pollack



Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed. 9a.m.
Friday 12noon
Saturday 5p.m.
Sunday 10a.m.

Adoration and Rosary
Friday 11:00a.m.

Confessions

½ hour before liturgy on
Saturday and Sunday and
by appointment.

- * **Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.
- * **Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.
- * **Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY August 14th: Tenth Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1 Cor 12-1-11, Mt. 12:22-32) Bob Pollack

- Rep. James Soloman by Francis & Salwa Haddad
- Rep. Raymond Faris by David & Norma Lazar
- Rep. Dalilah Petros-Quia by Manal Dabish & Family

MONDAY 15: Assumption of the Virgin Mary

- Rep. Josie Knight by Mr. Mrs. Larry Meleski

TUESDAY 16: St. Roch, Martyr

- **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY 17: St. Clare of Montefalco

- Rep. Roger Nesser by Lino & Hala Kasper

THURSDAY 18: St. Helena

- **No Mass**

FRIDAY 19: St. Luke of Baalbek, Martyr

- Rep. Jann Alex by Francis & Elizabeth Delling

SATURDAY 20: St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep. John Abdella by Family

SUNDAY August 21st: Eleventh Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (Eph 2:17-22, Lk 19:1-10) Elias Chammas

- Rep. Rose Ellen Fall by Francis & Salwa Haddad
- Rep. Valerie Lucy Soloman by Aziz & Diane
- Rep. Josie Knight by Juliet Hermiz

SUNDAY August 28st: Twelfth Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (Eph 3:1-13, Mt 15:21-28) Ferris Anthony

- Rep. George Soloman by Ed & Lorraine
- Rep. Elias Zerka by Karim & Dolly Damouni

Announcements:



Masses

There will be masses at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday, August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption.



Masses

There will be no mass Tuesday, August 16th



Teachers Needed

We are looking for instructors for the upcoming year for our religious education classes. If you would be willing to volunteer your time to this worthy endeavor, please contact the church office. Classes are scheduled to start the Sunday September, 18th and will run through the second Sunday in May. We will begin sign up for these classes next Sunday.



Altar Society

The next meeting for the Ladies Altar Society is set for Wednesday, September 7th at 6pm. Please mark your calendars today! We will get together for a dinner and talk about upcoming activities. The meeting will be held at Sorrento's restaurant in Flushing



Condolences

Please pray for the soul of Father Toni El Rahi who passed away in Lebanon Friday, August 12th. Father El Rahi was the nephew of our new Patriarch and member of the Maronite Mariamite Order. He spent several years in Michigan during the 90's before returning to Lebanon. May God bless him with eternal peace and everlasting life.

Thank You



I would like to thank all of you for my warm "welcome" Sunday. I can't thank you enough for your kind words and blessings and for the wonderful "Welcome Home" banners. I am blessed to have such a wonderful parish and such thoughtful parishioners. May God bless you all!

Your Pastor
Abouna Hanna



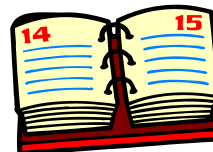
Mark Your Calendar



September:

- Sept 7: Altar Society Meeting
- Sept 11: Religious Education Introduction/Books
- Sept 18: Religious Education classes begin

Altar Servers Schedule:



- August 21: Team 2
 - August 21: Team 3
- ### Ushers Schedules
- August 21: Team 1
 - August 21: Team 2

Church Cleaning August:
Hala Kasper



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity August 15th

August 15 is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called the Dormition (falling asleep) or Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven. Along with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception the Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation -- one of the most important feasts of the Church year.

Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven. The first Church writer to speak of Mary's being taken up into heaven by God is Saint Gregory of Tours (594). The idea of the assumption of Mary into heaven after her death is first expressed in narratives of the fifth and sixth centuries. Even though these were never official, they bear witness to the very early belief in a teaching of the Catholic Church which was not formally defined as a dogma (a teaching essential to the Catholic faith) until 60 years ago. On November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven".

We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. According to one tradition, Mary was warned of her approaching end by Saint Michael the Archangel, who conducts souls to Heaven, and was surrounded on her death-bed by the apostles, who were miraculously transported to her bedside from their various mission-fields. It was said that Jesus appeared, bore away her soul, and returned three days after her burial, when angels carried her body to Paradise where it was reunited with her soul under the Tree of Life. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died. (By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus.) Mary's tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. It is believed that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that after her burial, her tomb, when opened, was found empty. Therefore, they concluded that her body had been taken up (assumed) into heaven.

Saint Gregory of Tour said that it is inconceivable to think Mary's sinless body, likened to the Ark of the Covenant which was made of incorruptible wood, should decay in the grave. The text, 'Rise thou and the ark of thy strength' (Ps 132/1:8) was understood to mean that it was God's will that, as Christ had ascended, so too Mary would be received into heaven. There is an important difference, of course, between the ascension of Jesus into Heaven after His Resurrection, and the assumption of Mary. To ascend is to rise up under one's own power; while to be assumed means something that is done to one. Jesus, being the Second Person of the Trinity, had no need of assistance; whereas Mary did not have this power.

In Catholic countries the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most popular festivals of the year, and it has always been loved dearly by the faithful who are children of Mary. It is a sign to us that someday, through God's grace and our efforts, we too may join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. The Assumption is a source of great hope for us, too, for it points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate her fidelity and obedience to God's will. Where she now is, we are meant eventually to be, and may hope to be through Divine grace. Mary's being taken to heaven after her life on earth was ended is the logical outcome of her immaculate nature, uniquely protected -- also by God's grace -- from personal sin. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much." ~ Sr. Teresa

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Stewardship	
<i>Weekend August 6 – August 7, 2011</i>	
Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	80
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,161.00
Fuel	\$ 415.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Loose	\$ 385.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,066.00
Second Collection	-0-
Budgeted for August	\$ 16,000.00
Amount needed for August Budget	(\$ 12,934.00)

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**Prayer for
The Feast of the
Assumption**

Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and soul
into the heavenly glory the
Immaculate Virgin Mary,
Mother of Your Son:
Grant, we beseech You, that,
ever intent upon heavenly things,
we may be worthy to
partake of her glory.
Through Jesus Christ
Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.



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